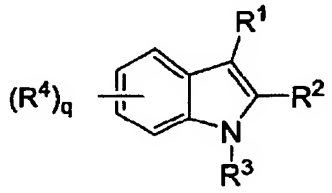
IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:



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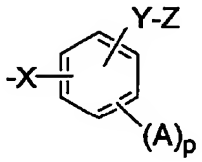
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^1 is



wherein X is selected from the group consisting of a bond, O, $S(O)_n$, ~~CO,~~ CH_2, ~~$CH(CH_3)$, $C(CH_3)_2$,~~ and C_{3-6}cycloalkylidene;

Y is selected from the group consisting of ~~-CH=CH-, -CH(OH)CH(OH)-,~~ $-OCR^7R^{8-}$, ~~$-SCR^7R^{8-}$,~~ and $-CH_2CR^5R^{6-}$;

Z is selected from the group consisting of $-CO_2H$ and tetrazole;

A is selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkenyl, $-OC_{1-4}$ alkyl, and halogen, wherein alkyl, alkenyl, and Oalkyl are optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens;

R^5, R^6, R^7, and R^8 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C_1-C_5 alkyl, OC_1-C_5 alkyl, C_2-C_5 alkenyl, OC_2-C_5 alkenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_{0-2}$phenyl, $-O(CH_2)_{0-2}$phenyl and CO_2H, wherein C_1-C_5 alkyl, OC_1-C_5 alkyl, C_2-C_5 alkenyl, OC_2-C_5 alkenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, and phenyl are optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens, and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and phenyl are further optionally substituted with 1-3 groups independently selected from C_1-C_3 alkyl and OC_1-C_3 alkyl, said C_1-C_3 alkyl and OC_1-C_3 alkyl being optionally substituted with 1-3 halogens;

~~Or alternatively R^7 and R^8 may be connected to form a C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl group, said C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl being optionally substituted with 1-3 halogens;~~

~~Or alternatively, when Y is OCR^7R^8, R^8 may optionally be a 1-2 carbon bridge connected to the phenyl ring at the position ortho to Y, thereby yielding a 5 or 6-membered heterocyclic ring fused to the phenyl ring;~~

R^2 is C_1-C_4 alkyl, which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens;

R^3 is ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ 3-benzisoxazolyl~~, 3-benzisothiazolyl, and 3-benzpyrazolyl, wherein R^3 is~~ optionally substituted with 1-3 groups independently selected from halogen, C_1-$_3$alkyl, and OC_1-$_3$alkyl, wherein C_1-$_3$alkyl and OC_1-$_3$alkyl are optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens;

~~E~~each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, and OC_1-C_5 alkyl, wherein C_1-C_3 alkyl and OC_1-C_5 alkyl are optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens;

n is an integer from 0-2;
p is an integer from 0-3; and
q is an integer from 0-3.

Claim 2 (Original) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein q is an integer from 1-3.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein

X is selected from the group consisting of a bond, O, $S(O)_n$, CH_2, and C_3-$_6$cycloalkylidene;

Y is selected from the group consisting of OCR^7R^8 and $CH_2CR^5R^6$;

Z is selected from CO_2H and tetrazole;

A is selected from the group consisting of H, CH_3, CF_3, OCH_3, OCF_3, and halogen;

R^5, R^6, and $R^7$are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, and OC_1-C_3 alkyl, and R^8 is selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, and OC_1-C_3 alkyl, wherein C_1-C_3 alkyl and OC_1-C_3 alkyl of R^5, R^6, R^7 , and R^8 are optionally substituted with 1-3 halogens;

R^2 is C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^3 is ~~selected from the group consisting of 3-~~benzisoxazolyl~~, 3-benzisothiazolyl, and 3-benzpyrazolyl, wherein R^3 is~~ optionally substituted with 1-3 groups independently selected from halogen, OCH_3, OCF_3, CH_3, and CF_3;

~~E~~each group R^4 is selected from OCH_3, OCF_3, and CF_3; and

p is 1.

Claim 4 (Original) A compound according to Claim 3, wherein R^5, R^6, and R^7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, and OC_1-C_3 alkyl, and R^8 is selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, and OC_1-C_3 alkyl; and q is an integer from 1-3.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 3, wherein

X is selected from the group consisting of O, $S(O)_n$, and CH_2;

Y is selected from the group consisting of OCR^7R^8 and $CH_2CR^5R^6$;

Z is CO_2H;

A is selected from the group consisting of H, CH_3, CF_3, OCH_3, OCF_3, and halogen;

R^5 is H;

R^6 is selected from H and OC_1-C_3 alkyl, which is optionally substituted with 1-3 halogens;

R^7 is selected from the group consisting of H and C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^8 is C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^2 is C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

R^3 is ~~selected from the group consisting of 3-~~ benzisoxazolyl~~, 3-benzisothiazolyl, and 3-benzpyrazolyl, wherein R^3 is~~ optionally substituted with 1 group independently selected from halogen, OCH_3, OCF_3, CH_3, and CF_3.

Claim 6 (Original) A compound according to Claim 5, wherein q is 1.

Claim 7 (Original) A compound according to Claim 2, wherein Y is OCR^7R^8; R^7 is selected from the group consisting of H and C_1-C_3 alkyl; and R^8 is C_1-C_3 alkyl.

Claim 8 (Original) A compound according to Claim 2, wherein R^2 is CH_3.

Claim 9 (Original) A compound according to Claim 2, wherein Z is CO_2H.

Claim 10 (Original) A compound according to Claim 2, wherein R^3 is 3-benzisoxazolyl, which is optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, OCH_3, OCF_3, CH_3, and CF_3.

Claim 11 (Original) A compound according to Claim 4, wherein R^3 is 3-benzisoxazolyl, which is optionally substituted with 1 substituent selected from halogen, OCH_3, OCF_3, and CF_3.

Claim 12 (Original) A compound according to Claim 5, wherein

X and YZ are meta to each other on the phenyl ring of R^1;

R^4 is selected from OCH_3, OCF_3, and CF_3;

X is selected from O and CH_2;

Y is $OC^*R^7R^8$, wherein R^7 is H and R^8 is C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^2 is CH3; and

R^3 is 3-benzisoxazolyl, which is optionally substituted with 1 substituent selected from halogen, OCH_3, OCF_3, and CF_3.

Claim 13 (Original) A compound according to Claim 12, wherein q is 1.

Claim 14 (Original) A compound according to Claim 13, wherein the asymmetric C* carbon of Y has the R configuration.

Claim 15 (Original) A compound according to Claim 13, wherein the asymmetric C* carbon of Y has the S configuration.

Claim 16 (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 as named below, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

1	2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
2	2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
3	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
4	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-methoxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
5	(2R)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
6	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenoxy)-4-phenylbutanoic acid
7	2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid
8	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(pentyloxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
9	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenyl)propanoic acid
10	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propanoic acid
11	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid

12	(2R)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
13	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
14	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid
15	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
16	(2S)-2-(3-{1-[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]cyclopropyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
17	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid
18	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propanoic acid
19	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenyl)propanoic acid
20	(2S)-2-(4-chloro-3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
21	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenyl)-2-phenoxypropanoic acid
22	3-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}phenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
23	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]thio}phenoxy)propanoic acid
24	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]sulfinyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
25	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]sulfonyl}phenoxy)propanoic acid
26	(2S)-2-(2-chloro-5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
27	(2S)-2-(2-allyl-5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
28	(2S)-2-(2-allyl-3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
29	(2S)-2-(3-chloro-5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
30	(2S)-2-(5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}-2-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
31	(2R)-2-(5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}-2-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
32	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-4-propylphenoxy)propanoic acid
33	(2R)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-4-propylphenoxy)propanoic acid

34	7-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}chromane-2-carboxylic acid
35	7-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-2-ethylchromane-2-carboxylic acid
36	(2R)-2-(2-chloro-5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
37	(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]thio}phenoxy)acetic acid
38	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]thio}phenoxy)butanoic acid
39	(2R)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]thio}phenoxy)butanoic acid
40	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}-4-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
41	(2R)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]methyl}-4-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
42	(2R)-2-(2-chloro-5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)butanoic acid
43	(2-chloro-5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)acetic acid
44	2-(2-chloro-5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)-3-methylbutanoic acid
45	(2S)-2-(4-chloro-3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)butanoic acid
46	(2R)-2-(4-chloro-3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)butanoic acid
47	2-(4-chloro-3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)-3-methylbutanoic acid
48	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-4-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
49	(2S)-2-(5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-2-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
50	(2R)-2-(5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-2-fluorophenoxy)propanoic acid
51	(2S)-2-(5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-2-fluorophenoxy)butanoic acid
52	(2R)-2-(5-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-2-fluorophenoxy)butanoic acid
53	2-(4-chloro-3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)pentanoic acid
54	2-(4-chloro-3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)pentanoic acid
55	(2S)-2-(3-{[1-(6-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}-4-fluorophenoxy)butanoic acid

56	(2S)-2-(4-chloro-3-{[1-(6-methoxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)propanoic acid
57	(2S)-2-(4-fluoro-3-{[1-(6-methoxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl]oxy}phenoxy)butanoic acid

Claim 17 (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 18-29 (Previously Cancelled)